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MoDOT to Improve 800 Bridges by 2012

Most of Missouri's worst bridges will be repaired or replaced by 2012 under a new MoDOT initiative. The Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Plan targets 800 bridges in poor condition for improvement by 2012. MoDOT will seek to award a single contract to design and build the bridge upgrades as well as maintain the bridges in good condition for at least 25 years. [800 Bridges](#)

Missouri Safety Belt Use Declines

Missouri's safety belt use rate fell in 2006, according to a recent survey. A department survey showed 75 percent of Missourians are buckling up this year as compared to 77 percent in 2005. [Safety Belts](#)

President Bush Appoints New Transportation Secretary

President Bush recently nominated former federal highway chief Mary Peters as his next transportation secretary. Peters' nomination will require Senate confirmation. She would replace Norman Mineta, who resigned after serving more than five years in the post as the only Democrat in Bush's Cabinet.

SAFER ROADS

Focus on Teen Safety Belt Use Rates

Safety belt use saves lives in traffic crashes. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is constantly looking for ways to convey this message to teenagers throughout the state and encourage them to buckle up to save lives and reduce injuries in vehicle crashes. Twelve focus groups, which took place this summer across the state, surveyed 101 teens about their safety belt use. [Teen Safety](#)

November Blueprint Conference to Improve Highway Safety

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety will hold its first ever *Blueprint for Safer Roadways Conference* in St. Louis on Nov. 29-30. The conference will bring together regional coalition members and other safety advocates with the goal to improve Missouri's approach to highway safety through training, sharing ideas and developing action plans. [Conference](#)

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Missouri
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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Commission Approves Legislative Agenda for 2007 Session

During its September meeting, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved MoDOT's legislative agenda for the 2007 session of the Missouri General Assembly. The session begins Jan. 3.

- The department's number one priority will be encouraging passage of a primary safety belt law.
- Cleanup legislation, to make reference to the transfer of statutory powers, duties and functions previously performed by the Division of Highway Safety under the Department of Public Safety to the commission, will also be sought.
- MoDOT will propose a funding mechanism to finance multimodal operations.
- MoDOT will pursue a Motor Carrier Services proposal to implement a new interstate registration program referred to as the Unified Carrier Registration System.
- The department will be seeking legislative approval to void outdoor advertising permits under certain circumstances allowing MoDOT to be in compliance with federal requirements for effective outdoor advertising control.

OFF THE ROAD NEWS

New Mid-Missouri Air Service

Beginning Oct. 5, there will be new air service at the Columbia Regional Airport. The new service will provide two daily round trips to both St. Louis Lambert International Airport and Kansas City International

Airport with \$59 one-way fares to both cities. [New Air Service](#)



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